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U.S. Filing Date: July 27, 2001  
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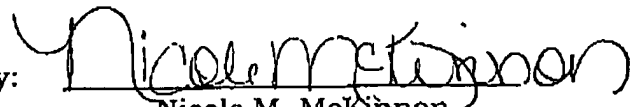
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

Applicants respectfully request consideration of the following remarks in response to the Office Action ("the Office Action") mailed 7/13/04 in the above-identified application. A request for a two-month extension of time is being submitted concurrently with this response.

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS** are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**REMARKS** begin on p. 4 of this paper.